

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
Hoopers Islands				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Md. Rt. 335				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Dorchester	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>Yes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Multiple owners				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Hoopers Island			Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
21613				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Upper Hooper Island consists of four small settlements of dwellings. It is all located within the Post Office of Fishing Creek, though the northern settlement is known as Honga.</p> <p>Architecturally, the island consists principally of early twentieth century frame dwellings, two storys tall and three bays long, with a gable in the center of the 'A' roof. The gables usually covered with decorative shingles, and the porches are the most decorative elements of the houses. Along with this type house are a large number of bungaloid structures built in the 1910's to 1920's.</p> <p>Unlike the earlier houses built along the creeks in the neck district, these dwellings are built facing the road.</p> <p>Below the Hosier Methodist Church, built in 1901, are a few more building built around the turn of the century. The Island then has two branches, the east being a short road to Oldhouse Point and the west branch being the main road to Hooperville.</p> <p>The east branch has more of the same type building intersperced with the earlier structures which lack the decorative elements. The west branch contains a greater concentration of buildings, mostly residences, but with more variety and several being more recent structures. At the upper end of this settlement is a small hip roof brick building which was built as the Union Trust Company Bank. It, However, has seen more days as a residence than it did as a bank before its doors were closed around 1933. The elementary school is a shingle building similar to the schools which formerly operated at Queenstown and Crumpton in Queen Anne's County. It was built about 1923 and is still used as the elementary school.</p> <p>South of the general store are three buildings which were moved from Barren Island around the 1910's. Two other buildings from Barren Island are located on Oldhouse Point Road. These buildings are among the earliest on the Island.</p> <p>Farther south is the former one-room school which predated the shingle school. It is now painted yellow and is a residence. South of the old one-room school is a handsome 'T' plan building, now used as a residence. It was the Zion Southern Methodist Church and was moved from its location at the end of the Island in 1905. The building has a jerkin-head roof. It was sold, along with the parsonage to Mr. A. Phillips in 1946. Between the road and Back Creek stands another church, built in 1928, still operating as the United Holiness Church. In this area of the Island, most of the residences look over Back Creek which is the protected harbor for the village. Lower down the Island is a small one-room building which appears to have been another school.</p>	

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☒ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry             | lasophy   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention            | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                  | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | itarian   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation           | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hooper Island was inhabited by Henry Hooper as early as the 1660's. Henry Hooper, the second, held important offices in Dorchester County government in the last quarter of the 17th century. The Islands apparently grew around the industry which the Bay provides. Many of its inhabitants are engaged in the same line of work as their ancestors were two and three hundred years ago.

Architecturally, the buildings tell the rise and fall of each facet of life on the Island, as well as the precarious nature of this part of the Bay. Transportation was originally by boat, then ferry service put the Islands into contact with the mainland. Bridges and new roads followed. Religion has a similar story. As early as the 1780's Methodism was being preached. Its buildings were constructed and some are still in use, some for other purposes. Schools have been built, have served their purposes and are now serving other purposes. Some businesses which were listed in the Atlas of 1877 have served the needs of the inhabitants and new businesses have taken their places. The windmill on Meekins Neck served the needs of the Islanders, but it too has gone.

Generally, the history of these Dorchester Islands has been relegated to a few paragraphs in books on the Eastern Shore, but there is a great deal more than is written, and much more which is still obtainable.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Laskowski Papers, 1955

Jones, Elais, New Revised History of Dorchester County,  
Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, 1966.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

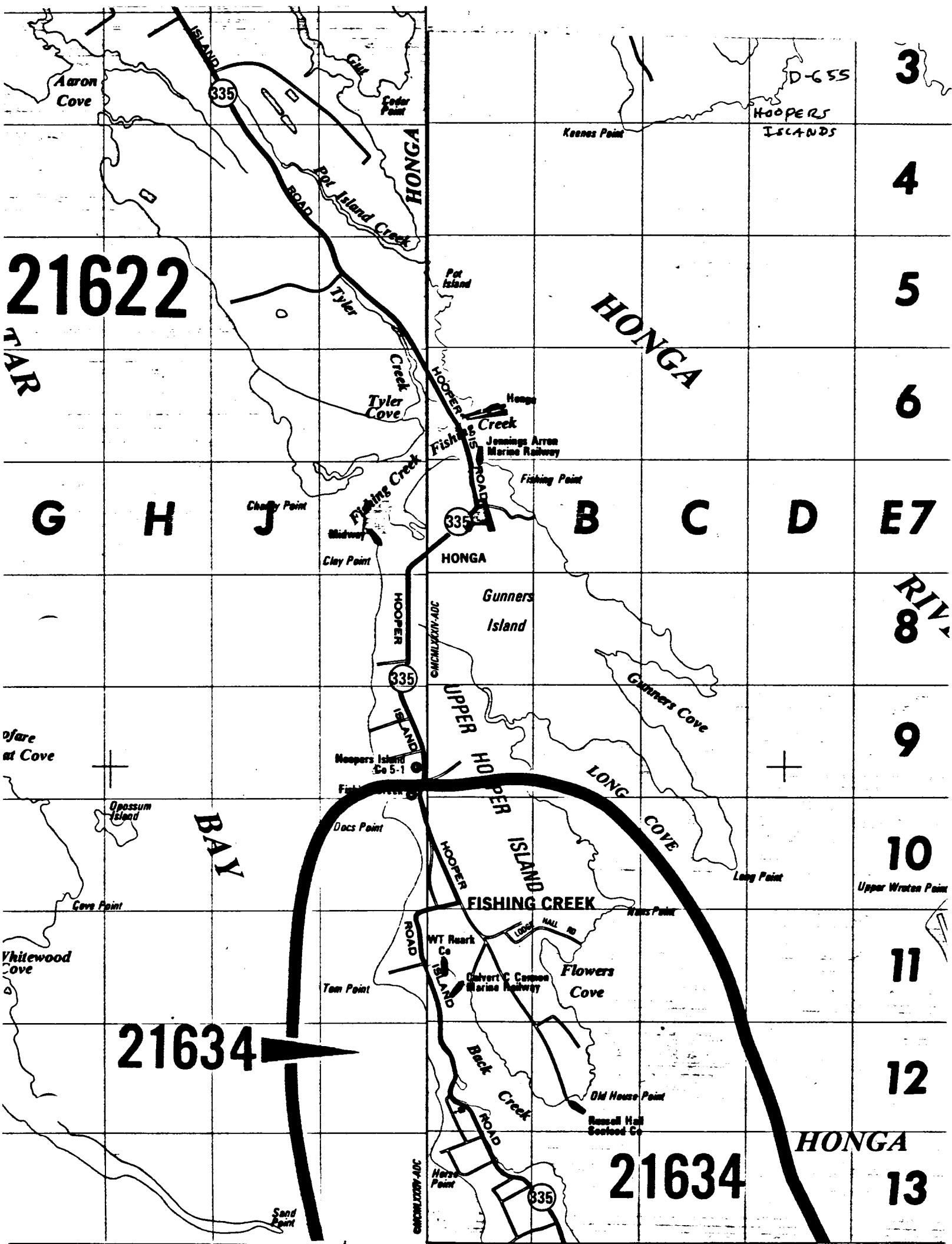
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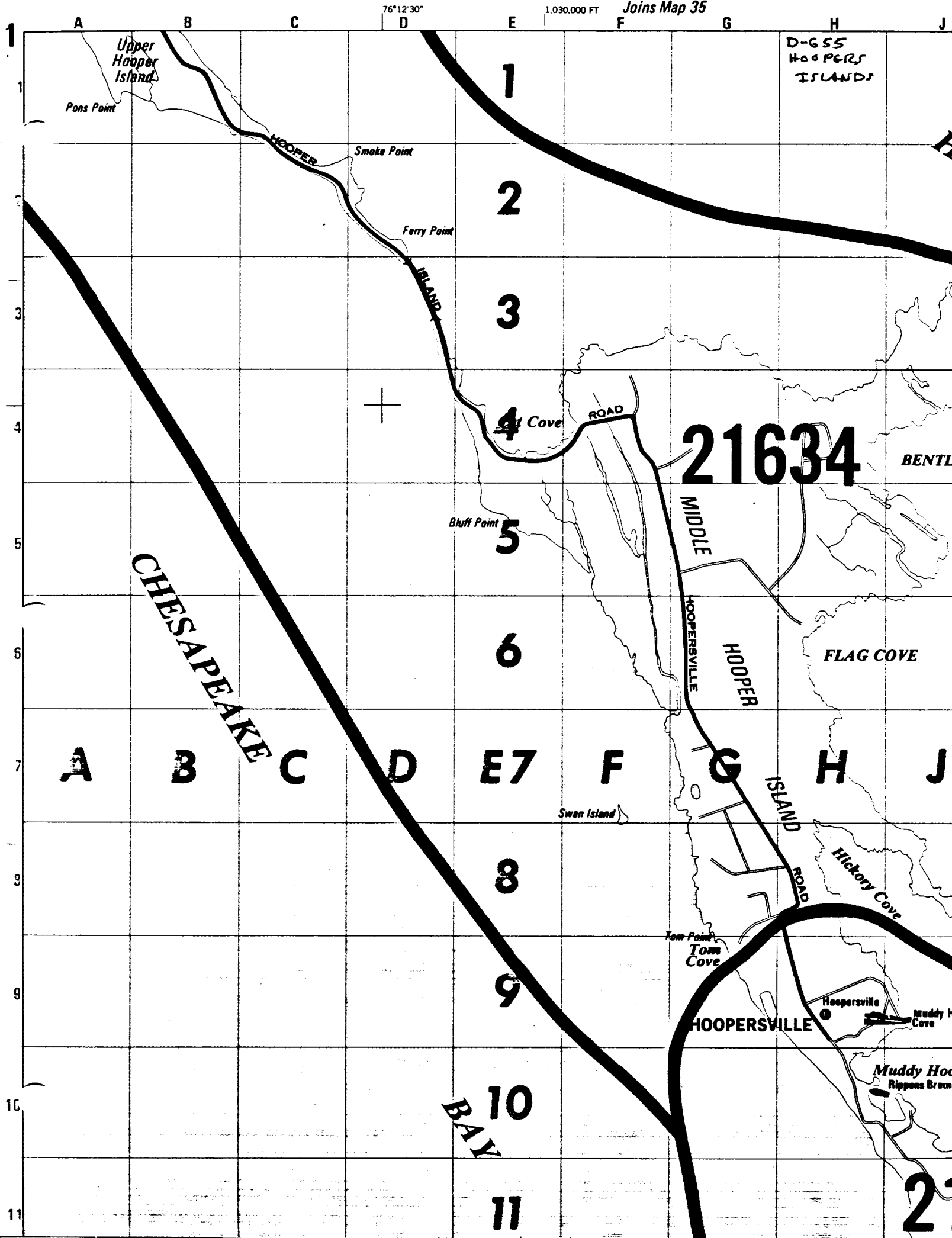
## #7 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Prior to the construction of a bridge between Upper and Middle Hooper Islands, there was a ferry service. The bridge was washed out in the great storm of 1933 when most of the Island was under water. The present narrow, one lane bridge dates from 1933. Improvements are being made to the causeway which has eroded greatly over the years.

Middle Hooper Island has more of the same type buildings as upper Hooper. although they are located farther apart and some of the buildings are more recent in date. On the Islands white paint is used predominately on the buildings. East of the village of Hooperville off of Hickory Cove are two huge wooden carcasses of ships which undoubtedly once plied the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. In Hooperville four buildings are included under seperate cover; Swan Island, Parr House, Hooperville Community Hall, Hooperville Memorial Methodist Church.

LAKG, GRIFFING & STEVENSON  
1877





76°12'30"

1:1,030,000 FT

Joins Map 35

D-655  
HOOPERS  
ISLANDS

21634

CHESAPEAKE

MIDDLE  
HOOPERSVILLE

HOOPER

FLAG COVE

ISLAND  
ROAD

Hickory Cove

HOOPERSVILLE

Hoopersville

Muddy H  
Cove

Muddy Hook  
Rippons Brown

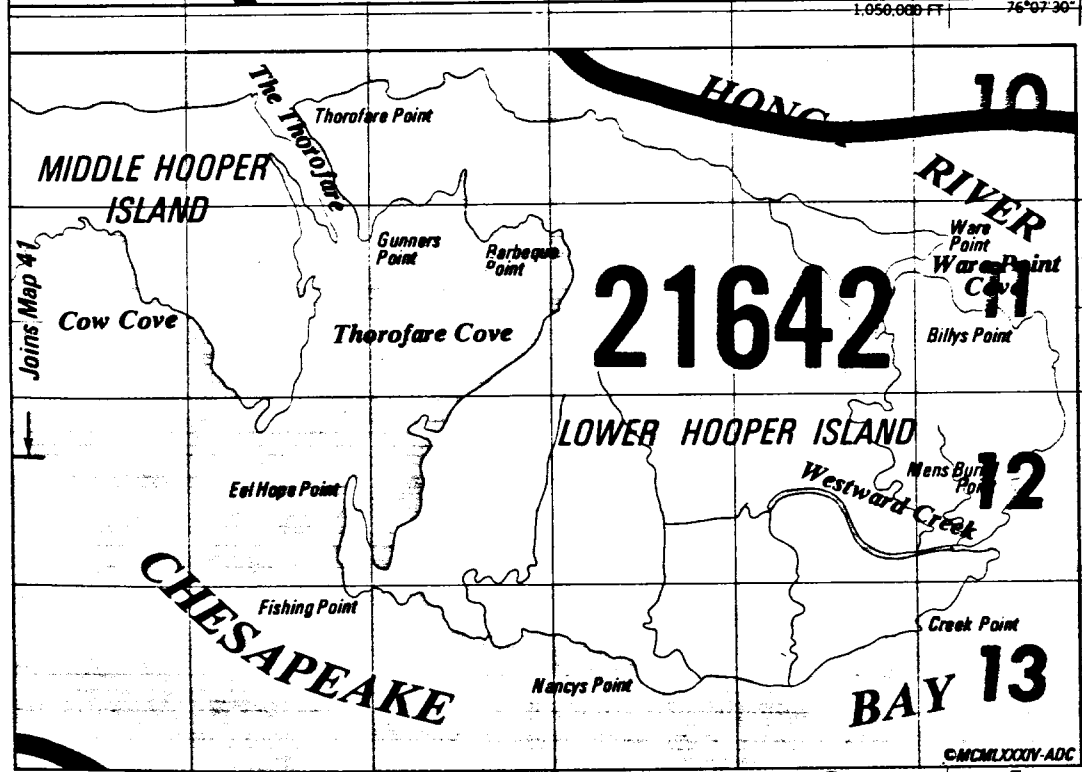
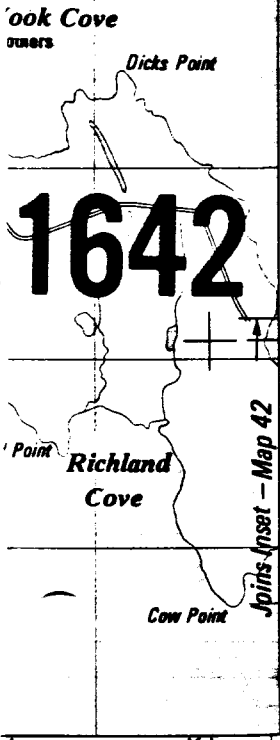
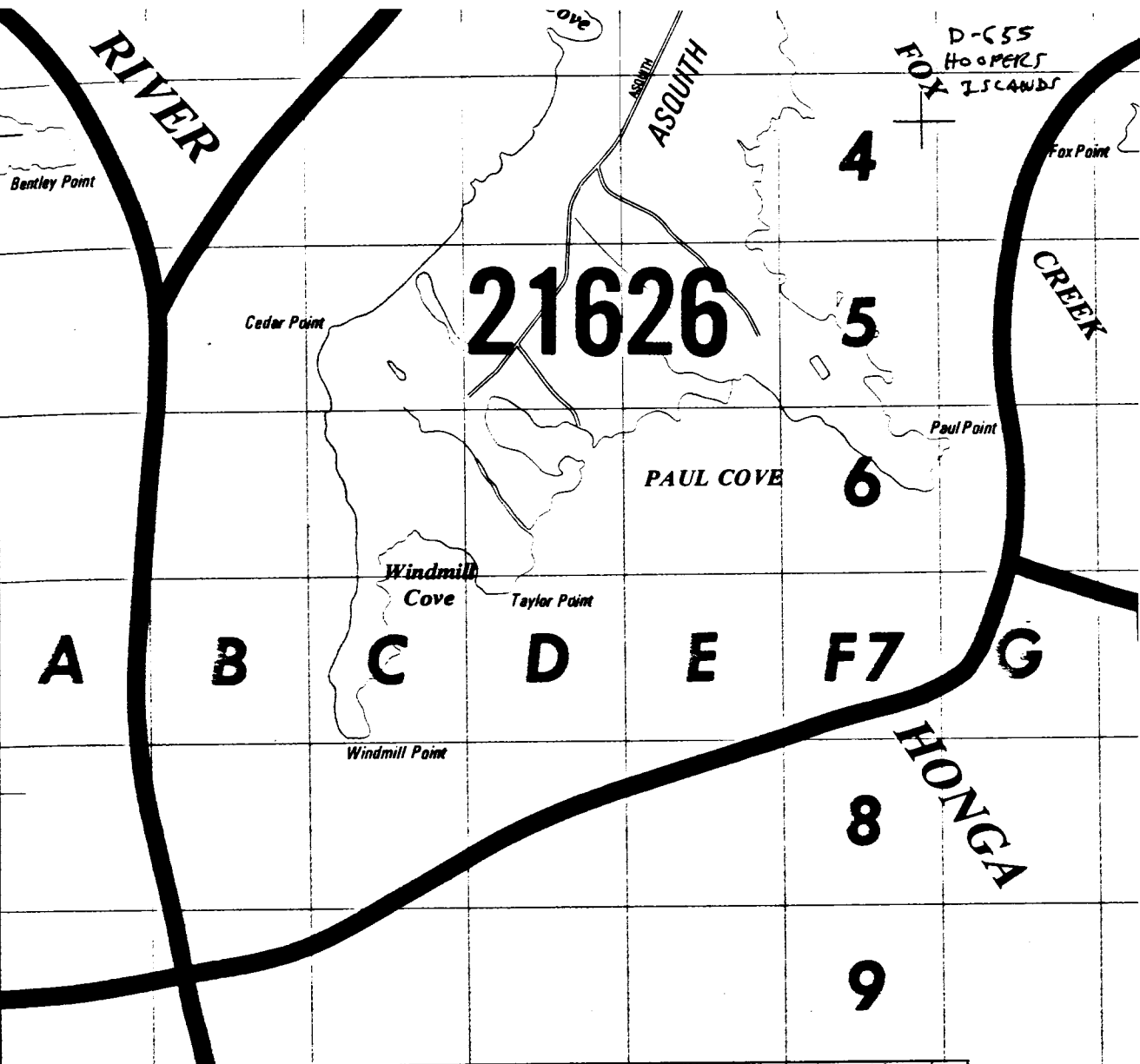
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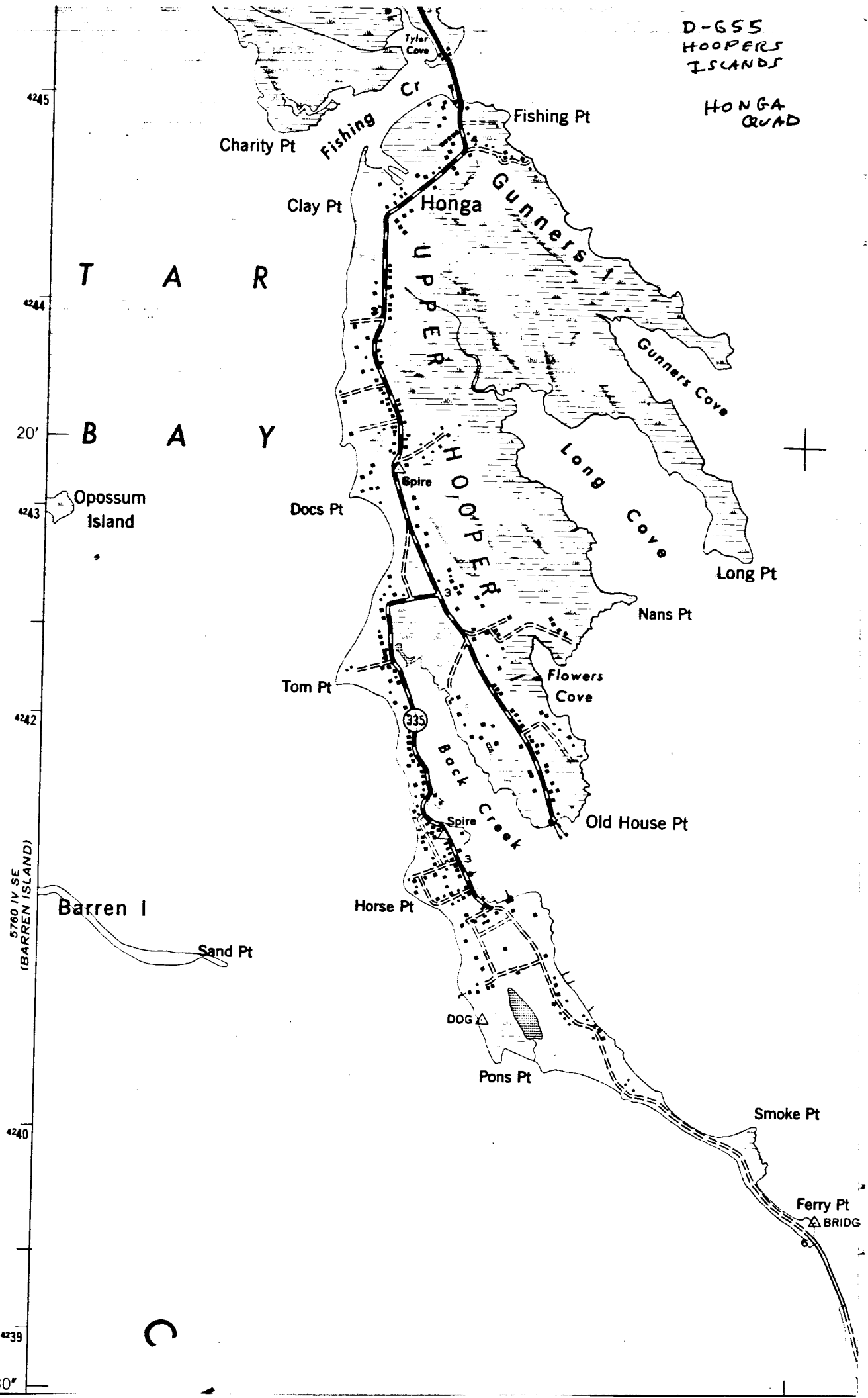


76°10'00" 1,040,000 FT

MD GRID 1,050,000 FT

D-655  
HOOPERS  
ISLANDS

HONGA  
QUAD



D-655  
HOOPER  
ISLANDS

HONGA  
QUAD

Bentley Pt

Bentley  
Cove

Flag  
Cove

Hickory  
Cove

Hickory Pt

Muddy Hook  
Cove

Dicks Pt

Hoopersville

Tom Pt  
Tom Cove

Swan I

COVE

Cat  
Cove

SHAD

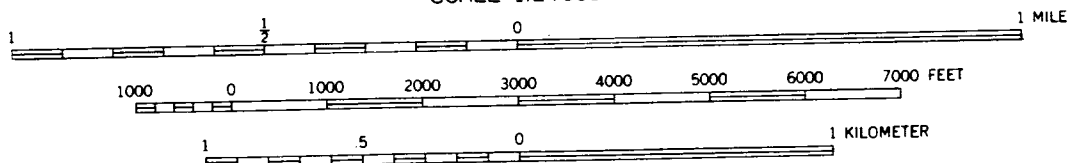
Bluff Pt

MIDDLE

HOOPER

(RICHLAND POINT)  
5760 II NW

SCALE 1:24000



MAXIMUM GROUND ELEVATION 5 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

FIG NORTH  
F SHEET